

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A printing system comprising:
 - an image server in which image data of an image formed on an image recording medium, is stored;
 - an image reading section for reading the image formed on the image recording medium;
 - an image information reading section for reading, from the image recording medium, image information including information for specifying the image server and a position at which the image data is stored in the image server;
 - an image data reading section for reading the image data corresponding to the image information from the image server based on the image information read by the image information reading section; and
 - an image reproduction section for forming, on another image recording medium which is different from the image recording medium, the image formed on the image recording medium based on one of image data corresponding to the image, read by the image reading section, ~~of the image~~ or the image data corresponding to the image information read by the image data reading section,
- wherein the image reproduction section forms the image on the other image recording medium based on the image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section

only if the image data corresponding to the image information is not available from the image server.

2. (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein the image information reading section is provided so as to read the image information recorded as an invisible image on the image recording medium.

3. (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein the image information reading section is provided so as to read the image information recorded as a bar code on the image recording medium.

4. (original): A printing system according to claim 2, wherein the image information reading section is provided so as to read the image information recorded as a bar code on the image recording medium.

5. (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein the image information reading section is provided in an image reading device in which the image reading section is provided.

6. (original): A printing system according to claim 2, wherein the image information reading section is provided in an image reading device in which the image reading section is provided.

7. (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein the image reading section is used as the image information reading section.

8. (original): A printing system according to claim 2, wherein the image reading section is used as the image information reading section.

9. (previously presented): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein the image reading section and the image information reading section are provided so as to read the image and the image data, respectively, formed on a photographic photosensitive material used as the image recording medium, and an image is formed on a photographic photosensitive material by the image reproduction section.

10. (previously presented): A printing system according to claim 2, wherein the image reading section and the image information reading section are provided so as to read the image and the image data, respectively, formed on a photographic photosensitive material used as the image recording medium, and an image is formed on a photographic photosensitive material by the image reproduction section.

11. (currently amended): A printing method comprising the steps of:
reading in image data recorded in an image carrier;
storing the read image data in an image server;

forming an image on a recording medium on the basis of the image data read from the image carrier, and recording image information including information for specifying the image server and a position at which the image data is stored in the image server on the recording medium;

reading the image formed on the recording medium;

reading the image information, including information for specifying the image server and the position at which the image data is stored in the image server, from the recording medium;

reading in the image data corresponding to the image information from the image server on the basis of the read image information;

reproducing, on another image recording medium which is different from the image recording medium, the image formed on the image recording medium on the basis of one of image data corresponding to the image, ~~of the image~~ read from the image reading medium or the image data corresponding to the image information, read from the image server,

wherein the step of reproducing reproduces on the other image recording medium, the image formed on the image recording medium on the basis of the image data of the image read from the image reading medium only if the image data corresponding to the image information is not available from the image server.

12. (original): A printing method according to claim 11, wherein the image information is recorded as an invisible image on the image recording medium.

13. (original): A printing method according to claim 11, wherein the image carrier is a photographic film, and the image recording medium is a photographic photosensitive material.

14. (original): A printing method according to claim 11, wherein the image carrier is a media for recording image data of an image photographed by a digital still camera, and the image recording medium is a photographic photosensitive material.

15. (original): A printing method according to claim 11, wherein the image information is recorded as a bar code on the image recording medium.

16. (previously presented): A printing system according to claim 1 further comprising an image processing unit, wherein the image processing unit determines whether the image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section or the image data read by the image data reading section is used.

17. (previously presented): A printing system according to claim 2 further comprising an image processing unit, wherein the image processing unit determines whether the image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section or the image data read by the image data reading section is used.

18. (previously presented): A printing method according to claim 11 further comprising determining whether the image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section or the image data read by the image data reading section is used, prior to the reproducing.

19 - 21. (canceled).

22. (previously presented): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein the image reading section reads two dimensionally the image from the image recording medium, which is stored in the server as image data.

23. (previously presented): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein:
in a case in which the image information is read by the image information reading section and the image data corresponding to the image information is present at the image server,
the image reproduction section forms the image on the other image recording medium on a basis of the image data read by the image data reading section from the image server, and
in a case in which the image data corresponding to the image information is not present at the image server,
the image reproduction section forms the image on the other image recording medium on a basis of the image data of the image read by the image reading section.

24. (previously presented): A printing system according to claim 1 further comprising an encode section which converts a URL information indicating a position at which the image data is stored.

25. (new): A printing system according to claim 16, wherein the image processing unit determines whether the image data corresponding to the image information is not available from the image server to determine whether the image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section or the image data read by the image data reading section is used.

26. (new): A printing method according to claim 18, wherein the step of reproducing includes determining whether the image data corresponding to the image information is not available from the image server to determine whether the image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section or the image data read by the image data reading section is reproduced.

27. (new): A printing system comprising:

- a reading section for reading an image recorded on an image carrier;
- an image server in which image data of the image read by the reading section is stored;
- an image printing section for printing on a recording medium:

- (1) the image based on the image data of the image read by the reading section

and

- (2) image information including information for specifying the image server and a position at which the image data is stored in the image server;

- an image reading section for reading the image printed on the recording medium;

- an image information reading section for reading, from the recording medium, the image information including information for specifying the image server and a position at which the image data is stored in the image server;

- an image data reading section for reading the image data corresponding to the image information from the image server based on the image information read by the image information reading section; and

an image reproduction section for forming, on another recording medium which is different from the recording medium, the image printed on the recording medium based on one of (1) image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section or (2) the image data corresponding to the image information read by the image data reading section,

wherein the image reproduction section forms the image on the other recording medium based on the image data corresponding to the image read by the image reading section only if the image data corresponding to the image information is not available from the image server.